

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UTILITY DIVISION
AGENDA NO. 02-1-24**

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For Work Week Commencing: January 21, 2002

Business Meeting: January 24, 2002, 9:00 a.m.

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Work Sessions All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated.

1. D2001.10.144 – MPC Portfolio – Placeholder to consider procedural matters as may be necessary. 1/24/02
2. D97.7.90, D2001.1.5 – MPC/MPC-NW – Placeholder for possible deliberation, direction to staff regarding Stipulation. 1/24/02
3. D2001.7.100, MPC, Discuss/act on CELP's Motion to Compel MPC to provide a copy of the Coal Contract Agreement with Western Energy Company. 1/24/02
4. D2002.1.2, Avista Communications, Request for Waiver of Letter of Agency Requirements 1/24/02
5. D2000.5.70 – Qwest 271 Proceeding – Discuss draft final report on Checklist items 2 & 4 and possibly approve for issuance. 1/24/02

6. Qwest's recent notice to customers regarding sharing of customers' account information – Discuss notice, what's going on in other states, what Qwest's response has been. 1/24/02
7. Guidelines for Assigning Docket #'s. 1/24/02

Weekly Scheduling Meeting – Will be held at 8:45 a.m. on the day of the Business Meeting

Action Items All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

1. Hot Springs Telephone Company, Docket No. N2002.1.5 (Scott)

On January 8, 2002, Hot Springs Telephone Company filed with the Commission revised tariff sheets for housekeeping changes and deletion to the Hot Springs Payphone (and Public Access Line (PAL)) tariffs. These changes are to remove obsolete tariffs and otherwise conform to previous FCC and PSC orders. No current customers will be affected by these changes.

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1. QWEST COMMUNICATIONS, N2001.1.4 (Dave B.)

On January 7, 2002, QWEST COMMUNICATIONS, filed tariff transmittal 02-01, DSS, UAS, ISDN, PRS, and Centrex Prime Promotion. Qwest is proposing a promotion that would run from February 1, 2002 through April

30, 2002. Under this promotion, customers subscribing to Centrex PRIME, Advanced Digital Switched Service (DSS), ISDN Primary Rate Service (PRS), or Uniform Access Solution (UAS) under a minimum 36 month rate stability plan, will receive credit for one month of service if Qwest, through its own fault, fails to meet the committed due date to the customer. The due dates must be equal to or greater than the Standard Interval date as specified in the Qwest Corporation Service Interval Guide. The promotion applies if facilities are available. This promotion applies to customers who are new to the service except customers migrating from Centrex type service to Centrex PRIME. The promotion also applies to current customers who are adding additional T1 facilities with network trunks/connections for Advanced DSS, ISDN, PRS, and UAS. In addition, the promotion applies to new Centrex PRIME being installed in a new central office for an existing customer.

2. MONTANA POWER CO. D2001.12.167, 168 & 169 (Joel)

On December 13, 2001, Montana Power filed three applications to revise their propane, natural gas and electric tariffs pertaining to meter testing. The current meter testing schedule has been in place for some time and improvements in manufacturing have warranted a change. The proposed meter testing procedure will provide a more statistically correct and updated method of assuring accuracy.

Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

Tentative Action Items for Agenda 02-1-29

New Filings Received in Past Week

- N2002.1.5 Hot Springs Telephone Company - Housekeeping Tariff - Pay Telephones
- D2002.1.6 Sprint Communications Company LP & Qwest Corporation - Local Interconnection Agreement